CHAPTER NO. 34

SENATE BILL NO. 359

By Womack, Dixon

Substituted for: House Bill No. 300

By Maddox

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Parts 50 through 56 and Section 49-6-3004, relative to probationary teachers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5002(b)(1), is amended by deleting the words and punctuation "probationary teacher,".
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5003(2), is amended by deleting the words "who has completed satisfactory service as a probationary teacher".
- SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5003, is further amended by deleting subdivision (10) in its entirety.
- SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5003(11), is amended by deleting the words and figures "one (1) year as a probationary teacher and".
- SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5202(a), is amended by deleting the words "probationary or".
- SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5203(a)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:
 - (2) The license for an apprentice teacher shall be valid for three (3) years. If a teacher is denied a professional license and certification as a career level I teacher at the end of the third year of employment, that teacher upon request shall receive a new apprentice teacher license which shall be valid for one (1) year.
- SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5204(a), is amended by deleting the words and punctuation "probationary teachers,".
- SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5205(b), is amended by deleting the words and punctuation "probationary teachers,".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5205(e), is amended by deleting the words "the one-year probationary teacher period or".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5606, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting the following:

Those students who achieve a passing score on the state teacher's examination, required by §49-5-5605, are eligible to be awarded a license by the state board of education and may apply for employment in the school system of their choice.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004(c)(2), is amended by deleting the words "probationary and".

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 17, 1999

JOHN S. WILDER

APPROVED this 19th day of March 1999

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